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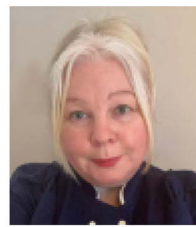
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Message from WSCP Executive Partners

Welcome to the WSCP Newsletter, and a lot has happened since the last issue.

The World is still trying to live with the after effects of COVID and the

reviewing the priority business areas.

The terms of reference for the sub-committees have been reviewed and updated to ensure partnership

many challenges it presents for all organisations.

As events continue to unfold in Ukraine, and the UK's refugee programme starts to gain traction, we are sure to see traumatised children and families accessing our local services.

There is an obligation for safeguarding and accommodation checks to be carried out by the local authority. We need to be alert to the potential for safeguarding risks such as children in private fostering arrangements so the right support can be offered.

The partnership executive is

activity has the right focus and is making a difference to children and families in Wandsworth.

The WSCP is implementing new arrangements to discharge their statutory functions.

David Peplow, the chair and scrutineer for three years who has been taking forward the new Working Together arrangements left in April and the WSCP would like to thank him for all his work.

New arrangements are in place with the Statutory partners chairing the Executive board. These will be further developed to reflect the changing needs of the service.



Family Safeguarding Approach has arrived in London Borough of Wandsworth

We are delighted that the Family Safeguarding strengths-based approach went live in January 2022 with a 'soft launch'. The social work service is now called the 'Family Safeguarding and Supporting Disabled Children' service.

A celebration event was held in March; a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual events with some films. Isabelle Trowler, Chief Social Worker, attended along with Wandsworth senior leaders, managers, partners, Hertfordshire Family Safeguarding director and project team.

The FS service with some practitioners were interviewed live, and there were contributions from mothers and children. [Recording is available](#)

the social work teams and working collaboratively together with families.

A multi-agency specialist workforce has been recruited and will consist of 8 Childrens Practitioners, 4 Domestic Abuse Practitioners from the probation service; they will work with perpetrators, and 3 Mental Health practitioners.

Motivational Interviewing

continues with a bespoke session held for the WSCP. There have been 1-day trainings for the wider workforce and a further 6 half day sessions over the coming months for multi-agency colleagues.

The project team meets with Hertfordshire regularly and there is a Wandsworth Operations Group

The service is seeing the impact of having specialist workers sitting in

where the focus is on embedding and aiming for Family Safeguarding to become 'business as usual'.



NSPCC GCP2 Neglect Tool

[Access GCP2 Awareness Sessions and Practitioners Training here](#)

It's been over six months since training of trainers and staff in the use of the GCP2 neglect tool and we now have over 100 licensed multi-agency GCP2 practitioners in Wandsworth. We have 12 licensed trainers and a further 3 to start their training in June.

We want to see even more staff trained so that we can start to collate evidence of the positive impact on children and families in Wandsworth.

Feedback from Mary Scarlett - Lead Training & Development Officer (Safeguarding Schools):

"I am the GCP2 Champion for Education. As Champions we have access to a weekly drop-in session with the trainers and a monthly master class. A range of monthly workshops on neglect are provided by the Social Care Academy. The workshop on Complex Neglect and Working with Neurodiverse Parents was very interesting and well attended."

Well done to all those who have received their GCP2 Certificate, make sure to share with your colleagues the benefits of using this tool to help support children, young people and their families.

Child Safeguarding Practice Review



Learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs)

This has been a busy period from a national and local perspective.

The tragic murders of Arthur Labinjo-

Carl lost his life to a horrific attack at the age of 16 in early 2020. 'Carl & Max' Croydon Safeguarding Practice Review (SPR) Executive Summary & Recommendations

Hughes and Star Hobson brought again to our attention death or serious injury to a child at the hands of their parents/parents' partners.

Although these cases are exceptional, they shone a public spotlight on how we protect children. **The national child safeguarding practice review published their report on the 26th May** on the findings and made key recommendations.

Frontline professionals and team managers are encouraged to sign up for a webinar on **Thursday 30th June, 1pm to 2pm**. The focus will be on the lessons for those who work directly with children and their families. Click this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-for-safeguarding-professionals-tickets-349738807187>

The WSCP did an initial response to the publication of the National Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo- Hughes and Star Hobson

Child Q

Many of you will have read the report from CHSPR of the horrific experience of Child Q who was stripped search for alleged drug use. WSCP wanted to acknowledge the avalanche of feelings and to listen carefully to all voices. The WSCP did an initial response to the publication of the report

Carl & Max

Wandsworth was involved in working with Croydon on Carl and Max;

Report was published 17th March 2022.

Please find a link to the report on Croydon website below:
<https://croydonlcsb.org.uk/2022/03/safeguarding-practice-review-published-carl-max/>

Markkus

An event took place on 9th February regarding the learning from a Critical Learning Review on a young person called Markkus, and was attended by practitioners from Early Help, Early Years and those working with adolescents in varied capacities.

The event highlighted early childhood adversity, lack of information sharing, understanding the impact of trauma on young people regarding contextual risk, parental mental ill-health, and domestic abuse.

There was also a focus on good practice, a very insightful multi-agency discussion was held about another young person where partnership work with Carney's Community and the Youth Offending Team made a positive impact.

Most effective was the relational work where the young person felt safe and shared their feelings and worries which made a difference.



Guidance: Family History

Do you want a guidance that is just one page and easy to read? Well see the new [WSCP guidance on Family History](#). Research studies, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and file audits have repeatedly shown that family historical information is not given the attention it should in assessing the needs of children.

The guidance covers:

1. Introduction
2. Reasons for gathering and making sense of family historical information
3. Gathering Information
4. Practice Challenges
5. Historical information to be included in referrals/assessments
6. Guidance
7. Tools to assist in obtaining history

[The WSCP Annual Report 2020/2021 is now available to read](#)



Multi - Agency training

Family Safeguarding Child Protection Conference 13th June 2022

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A PLACE](#)

This webinar is for front line staff across the partnership who attend Child Protection conferences . The purpose is to help partners understand the changes following introduction of Family Safeguarding and Motivational Interviewing.

- Are you a professional who attends Child Protection Conferences?
- Are you curious to learn more about how Family Safeguarding and Motivational Interviewing are now reflected in Child Protection Conferences?

Then please join us. This webinar is for teachers , DSLs, Police , PCLOs, Health Visitors, School Nurses, Social Workers, Community/Voluntary organisations and all frontline practitioners and their managers . You will hear from CSC staff including Child Protection Coordinators talk about how the Family Safeguarding approach is changing the language and approach in conferences whilst retaining the core statutory functions.

You'll also have the opportunity to reflect upon how you can make the best contribution to ensure child protection plans are child centred and collaborative with families

Working to tackle youth violence

NHS London Violence Reduction Programme works with YourStance to tackle youth violence across the capital

The NHS London Violence Reduction Programme is partnering with YourStance to recruit a volunteer network of healthcare professionals to teach haemorrhage control and basic life support skills to young people across the capital to help reduce serious youth violence and its impact on local communities across the capital.

The sessions teach fundamental life skills so that, if the worst happens, a young person might know how to save someone in an emergency. The sessions are also designed to inspire young people to consider a career in healthcare and take a proactive,

positive role in looking after the health of their peers.

Martin Griffiths, Consultant Trauma Surgeon and Clinical Lead for NHS England's Violence Reduction Programme says,

“the work of organisations such as YourStance, run entirely by volunteers, is crucial in helping us to reduce and improve the health and wellbeing of our communities for the future.”

The programme will initially run in 10 London boroughs, which include Croydon and **Wandsworth** in South West London

Mental Health

In Wandsworth children and young people deserve the best start in life to achieve their full potential and should have the right to good mental health entering adulthood.

A priority for the South West London CCG Wandsworth CAMHS partnership approach is to ensure the scale and quality of transformation of children's emotional wellbeing and mental

health services in Wandsworth is positive and improving outcomes for young people.

Wandsworth's children and young people can be referred to a range of over 35 emotional wellbeing and mental health services.

Services are well publicised through a simple map, which was updated in 2021.

[View the map here](#)

Adolescent Mental Health

Source: Department for Education

Date: 31 March 2022

The Department of Education (DfE) has released a research report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on adolescent mental health in the UK. Key findings were that the pandemic led to an increase in depressive symptoms and a decrease in life satisfaction, and if the pandemic had not occurred, then estimates suggest that this increase would not have been as severe.

Download the report: [The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on adolescent mental health](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Child mental health](#)

> [Promoting mental health and wellbeing](#)

Children's wellbeing

Source: Action for Children

Date: 28 March 2022

Action for Children has released a report on childhood wellbeing in the UK, compiling the results of three YouGov surveys completed by children, parents, and grandparents. Findings from the 2022 survey include: 42% of children were worried about their mental health, compared with 29% in 2019; 44% felt that the pressure of school will have a negative impact on their future; and 48% said that the impact of the pandemic was a barrier to a positive future.

Recommendations include: the government should provide family hubs across the UK, improve early intervention services and take immediate action to increase support for those on the lowest income by ensuring benefits keep pace with cost of living.

Read the press release: [Almost a third of children in the UK worry about their family having enough money to live comfortably as cost of living crisis deepens](#)

Download the report: [Brighter future ahead?](#) (PDF)



Thank you to all who contributed – we want you to share the good things happening in Wandsworth!

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Wandsworth Borough Council](#)

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